

# Scholarship Donor Goes to England

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### **FORMER WESTERNITE GIVES COMMAND APPEARANCE BEFORE QUEEN ELIZABETH**

The Skating Times: "Best comedian I have ever seen."—St. Paul Pioneer Press: "You can nominate Eric Wait as Comedian No. 1 of the ice."—Minneapolis Journal: "Wait completely stole the show."—"Eric Wait gains command appearance."

Thus run the press notices of a former Western student. Eric Wait, who attended Western about four years ago, was interviewed on a vacation trip home during the Christmas holidays.

The fact that he is the No. 1 comedian of the ice skating world has not changed Eric from the days when he appeared in the Glencoe Club programs in Calgary. While I talked to him he constantly interrupted me to ask who certain people were who spoke to him.

"In the time I have been away a lot of the younger people I knew have changed so I can't place their names," said Eric, "and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings by snubbing them or appearing conceited."

Eric told of the places he has been during his skating exhibi-

tions. Included are many of the large European cities and in the British Isles as well as the main cities of North America. In fact in the three years that he has been away from Calgary he has crossed America four times in skating appearances, and has never had time to see the great tourist attractions.

In Great Britain and Europe, however, it was different. Eric thought London was the best place he had struck on his tours. Things were so different, buildings, people, the quiet pace of London life compared to the noise and bustle of American metropolises. Paris also held great interest for the young Calgarian.

Eric is under contract to the Metro, Goldwyn, Mayer studios and likes picture work very much, although he claims Hollywood is "screwy."

He made a command appearance before Queen Elizabeth, who, the Skating Times informs us, "clapped enthusiastically as he took five encores."

Eric returned to Hollywood at the first of this month to make another picture for M.G.M.

Donor of Many Scholarships  
Bids Goodbye to Hosts of  
Friends in Our City

#### MANY FUNCTIONS

Of great interest to Calgary high school students was the announcement that the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett was leaving to take up residence in England. The former Prime Minister and member of Parliament for Calgary West, will retire from public life permanently, he told newspaper reporters.

For many years Calgary's first citizen, Mr. Bennett, has taken a great interest in aspiring students. The Bennett scholarships have helped more than one needy student through University, while others have been given financial aid in studying art and music abroad. Recently Mr. Bennett made a generous donation to the

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## PREDICTIONS FOR 1939

**1939** HAS COME! With it should come new fields of school entertainment and activity; 1939 should be a great year for sports at Western. With our increased enrolment we should produce the best hockey teams, the best basketball teams, the best rugby teams, in fact, we should have every line of activity more advanced than any other school in the city or province.

Get out and do your part to make 1939 the best yet. Support your teams. If you play hockey or basketball or rugby, try out for the teams. No one ever accomplished anything without trying. If you are an amateur Thespian, try for a part in one of our many school plays. Then there is our school concert coming soon. If you can't act or sing or recite, the

least you can do is to support these functions. There will be more and better dances sponsored by our worthy Council. (By the way, there's one coming up very soon). Our Year Book, the Acatec, will be out after Easter, and that's something more to look forward to.

Everything points to a wonderfully bright year. Oh, yes, 1939 will be a great year for Western!

## SEND THE "MIRROR" TO YOUR FRIENDS

**D**ID you ever think of sending the Mirror to your friends who live outside of Calgary? They would like very much to receive a copy. If they go to school and have a school paper, write to them and ask them to send you a copy of their paper, and you send them a copy of the Mirror in return. In this way you can find out what is going on in other schools in other parts of the country, and by comparison you can learn to appreciate Western more.

Send a copy once in a while to some ex-Westernite who has been out of town for quite a while. He would sure appreciate a Mirror so that he could reminisce on his happy days at Western. If you had been away from Western or a few months you would appreciate a Mirror to let you know what was going on in the school, wouldn't you? Yes, of course you would. So give your out-of-town friends the same consideration you would like to receive. Buy an extra copy or two today, and send them to your friends.

## Send It, Madam?

At last, the pre-fabricated low cost house! A Japanese store is selling a package house, weighing only a ton and a half. This unique house can be assembled in three hours, and sells at \$170.



### JUNIOR GIRLS' HI-Y HOLDS SOCIAL GATHERING

A most enjoyable time was had by all the members present at the home of Bernice Ireland on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Hilarious games were played, while some of those generally known jitterbugs tuned in on a swing band and started truckin' on down!. Refreshments were served.

Members present were: Margery Clendemon, Beryl Kirk, Irene Powlen, Peggy Maclean, Margery Wilmot, Ethel Parker, Edna Ligott, Margaret Munson, Audrey Nelson, Joyce Logan, Ferne Shaddock, Pearl Stuart, Lenora Pearson, Jean Hendry, Helen Wilson, Gunvor Lundmark, Bernice Ireland, Dorothy York, Verne Ridgway.

### GAMMA TAU SORORITY TO HOLD DANCE, JAN. 13

On New Year's Eve, following a theatre party, members of the Gamma Tau sorority and their friends met at the home of Doris Hoar to catch the New Year when it bounced in. Guests were provided with an assortment of noisemakers to help push 1938 into history. Miss Betty Mirtle, president of the sorority, did the honors at the tea table when lunch was served.

Kids, don't forget the Gamma Tau dance on Friday, Jan. 13th, at Penley's. All plans were completed at the last meeting to ensure the guests a perfectly swoosh evening. Come and help us jinx the jinx at the "Superstitious Swing."

### SIGMA ALPHA TAU HOLDS PARTY DECEMBER 27th.

Formality was the keynote of a party held at Braemar Lodge on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th, when members of the Sigma Alpha Tau sorority proved themselves to be delightful hostesses for sixty invited guests. Music was provided for those caring to dance, and the interesting games were for those whose tastes were otherwise inclined. Refreshments were served during the evening.

### A. C. D. SPONSORS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

New Year's Eve was one of great enjoyment for members of the Alpha Chi Delta and their co-eds. A Progressive Dinner was held at the homes of several of the members. Punch cocktails started the evening off at the home of Alex Snowden. A Salad was the next contribution to the meal at the home of Jack Jorgens. The main course, consisting of a very delightful and delicious Turkey dinner, was held at Jack Timmins'. Dessert and coffee were given at the end of the next trek at the home of John Irving. The evening followed with a very pleasant dance party, which bid in the New Year at Gerry Spencer's. The frat. seldom holds parties, and this one did not fall short of anyone's most vague imagination. Nice going, fellows!

### BOYS' HI-Y HOSTS TO GIRLS DECEMBER 26th

What a night and what a party held at the home of Bob Munson on the night of Dec. 26th. The Boys' Hi-Y invited all the members of the Girls' Hi-Y. Cake and sandwiches were supplied by the girls and ice cream and Coca-Cola were donated by the boys. There was a good turnout to the party and more than enough refreshments. Everyone had a dandy time and no doubt looks forward to more activities of this nature between the two clubs.

### OMEGA SIGMA TAU SWINGS INTO ACTION

The New Year is now off to a good start for this fraternity. No doubt readers will remember the late promise of a raffle. Well! It is expected to come off very soon. The boys plan to raffle a Packard Lectro-Shaver for the gentlemen, and if by chance a young lady should win there will be some smart gift for her. Watch your next Mirror for further announcements.

### Uses of the Skin

1. Makes your appearance more natural.
2. It doesn't show your ribs or insides.
3. It keeps part of the wind from getting in.

What is the chief cause of divorce?  
Marriage.





## INTERSCHOLASTIC HOCKEY LEAGUE SCHEDULE ISSUED

Below are the senior and junior hockey schedules for the 1939 season:

### Seniors

Jan. 9—Crescent vs. Western.  
Jan. 10—St. Mary's vs. Central.  
Jan. 16—Central vs. Crescent.  
Jan. 17—Western vs. St. Mary's.  
Jan. 23—Central vs. Western.  
Jan. 24—St. Mary's vs. Crescent.

### Juniors

Jan. 7—(1) St. Mary's vs. Crescent.  
Jan. 7—(2) Western vs. Central.  
Jan. 14—(1) Central vs. St. Mary's.  
Jan. 14—(2) Crescent vs. Western.  
Jan. 21—(1) Central vs. Crescent.  
Jan. 21—(2) Western vs. St. Mary's.

Keep this schedule and support your hockey teams as well as you did the football squads.

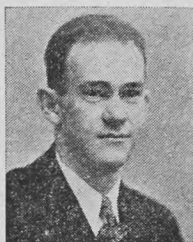
## JUNIOR HOCKEY

Western's junior hockey team has been cut to 15 players and will probably finish the schedule with these men.

In goal Coach Parry has Lawrence Steele and Conn. The four defencemen are Ed. Smith, Shorten, Greenberg and Anderson. On the first line is Gostick at centre, flanked by Benstead at left wing and Johnny Gordon at right. The second string attackers consist of Caddick at centre, with Cook on left wing and Burluck at right. Aitchison and Jefferies fill the relief roles.

## WHO'S WHO IN WESTERN SPORT

The first sport personage to appear in this feature is Western's Physical Education man, Johnny Souter, who came to this school two years ago. Mr. Souter is a local boy, having attended Haul-



J. Souter

tain Public School and Central High. This summer he will get his degree from the University of Alberta.

Johnny is an all around athlete, having played hockey, football, basketball, track, softball and tumbling, but he likes hockey best of all.

In 1923 he played fullback, flying wing and end of Central's championship junior rugby squad. Johnny missed the 1924 season when he broke his collarbone in the first scrimmage of the year. However, he coached the juniors for the next two seasons and also played senior football.

Johnny won the interscholastic Class C medal in track in 1925, by placing first in the running

## BASKETBALL

Hoop fans were treated to six exciting House League basketball games at last Thursday's schedule opening. The results were:

X B, 10; X A, 8.  
X G, 26; X F, 21.  
X I C, 25; X I B, 23.  
X I K, 20; X I L, 6.  
X D, 18; X C, 17.  
X I A, 15; X I M, 9.

Classes X I C and X I B provided the roughest yet highest scoring game of the night. "Flash" Gordon descended from Mars and scored 18 points, the best individual effort of the six contests. Mert Klippert contributed 7 markers to bring the total to 25. 'Chuck' Anderson with 9 points and Bill Allan with 8 starred for the losing X I B's.

The game between X G and X F featured some exciting basketball as the "G's" came from behind in the last few minutes to win 26-21. Dave Wyckoff got his "X F's" to a comfortable 8-0 lead before Walter Poffenroth ran wild to snatch a victory from the fire.

"B" is for Baker, the boy who scored 10 points as his team, the "X I K's" beat "X I L 20-6 for the most decisive win of the night. X D defeated X C 18-17 for the closest score of the six games. Scoring was evenly divided as X I A won 15-9 from X M.

broad jump, hop, step and jump, and the 12-pound shot put.

Up in Edmonton, Mr. Souter has earned quite a reputation as a softball pitcher with the Summer

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## Hi-Y Mentors to Speak at Meeting

### Vocational Guidance, Current Events Will Feature Home and School Discussion

Following the plan suggested in last year's meetings, the Home and School Association is continuing its vocational guidance series of talks by various teachers in the school.

At the first meeting of 1939, to be held in the Assembly Hall on Jan. 18th, Mr. R. E. Stuart, Composition teacher, will give an address on vocational guidance. Mr. Stuart has in the past shown much interest in this topic. Last year he introduced a series of interviews of various prominent business men to this paper. He has read widely on vocations, and his talk promises to be not only interesting but of much value to parents who are wondering 'what's to become of Tommy?'

The second speaker, Mr. F. D. B. Johnson, vice-principal, will continue the talks started before Christmas on current events. Mr. Stuart's discussion being of some length, Mrs. Wyckoff has allotted Mr. Johnson only a short ten minutes, but that shouldn't deter from the interest of his talk.

To add a note of music to the meeting, Mrs. Lunn has offered to sing a few selections. Mrs. Wyckoff will preside as usual, and lead the discussion which is to follow the dissertations of the two speakers.

This will be a very interesting meeting and all mothers are urged to be in attendance. Remember, Jan. 18th, the third Wednesday in the month, at 8:45 p.m.

Poe Dumbeck: Boy, and I can ride horses bare-backed, too!

Hi'da Pallesen (bored): Aren't you afraid of catching cold?

## YOU CAN TELL 'EM TO US TRY WRITING 'EM FOR US

Attention, everyone, whether you think you can write or not!

As you probably know, due to bulletin notices, etc., there is a literary contest being sponsored by the "Acatec" and it is open to YOU. You don't need experience, you don't have to use big words, you don't have to be smart — all you have to do is write a short story. It may be serious or humorous, as long as it is interesting. You know you can do it! Anyone can! Just sit down, after you read this "Mirror" and write a

short story. You can improve on it later, but write it NOW, as the contest will soon be over, to allow time for the stories to be judged and then entered in the Acatec, which will be printed in the near future.

And don't forget!

Beside the honor of having your very own story in the Acatec (which promises to be one of the best year books ever printed in this leg of the woods) you may also win cash prizes. So don't wait—DO IT NOW!!!

## Who's Who In Western Sport

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School All-Stars. When Johnny "climbs up on the ant hill and starts pouring 'em down the slot" opposing batters are really faced with a tough problem.

At Normal in 1927 and '28 he won the P. T. scholarships and it was there he learned his basketball. However, his favorite game is hockey. Johnny played four years of senior hockey in the old Southern Alberta League, being with High River in 1930-31 and 1931-32. His next two seasons he spent with Calgary Maroons and Bronks respectively.

Mr. Souter thinks that school athletics have improved due to good coaching by the teachers. He believes in condition and said when interviewed, "Good physical condition is most important to any athlete." Remember that, all you aspiring sport heroes!

Tom Lyness: What is "home without a mother?"

Hazel Simper: Me!

## TUMBLERS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

On interviewing Mr. Souter, honorary president of the Tumbling Club, we find that the boys are making rapid strides. They are divided into groups from "A" to "H" according to their ability. "H" qualifies a leader. Those who are being tried out for this group are: Johnny Gordon, Jim Murdock, Bob Duncan, Horace Bradley, Ralph Fisher, Olie Pederson, George Fisher and Bob Kirby.

Those who are able to enter the "B" group are: Don Boyd, Murray Carrol, Fred Haight, Saul Isenstein, Lionel Narraway, Knud Pederson, Art Pollit, Bob Wilson and Tom Wood. These boys all show great promise as tumblers.

After a sale in a large department store in the city, Anne Sheinin came to complain about a hat she had bought. She entered the store and walked up to the clerk who had served her and said, "This hat I bought doesn't seem to fit right."

The sales lady looked at the hat on her head for a minute and then replied, "Well, no wonder, you're wearing the box!"



Christmas; The festive season is once more passed and Mom no longer roams about the house singing "We're Having an 'eat Wave"; Pappy now puts his shoes on the right feet and things have once more settled down to normal. So with these deep and philosophical remarks we start our column—But wait, one last bit of impeccable knowledge we leave you. REMEMBER! VOTE IRVING FOR PRESIDENT.

—Eds.

Little Josif says:

Christmas comes but once a year,  
With all its rye, scotch and beer.  
But there's one thing we've to fear  
DON'T MIX 'EM!

#### Famous Last Words

I'll pull the rip-cord when I want to.

Cramp or no cramp, I'm going in.

Is that quicksand? I'll just step on it and see.

You're crazy; that ice is feet thick.

Bill Douglas isn't used to having the headlights on the fenders. The other night he proved it when he proudly told his girl, "Watch me go between those two motorcycles. He nearly wound up in our "famous last words" column.

And then there's the one about the taxi driver who says, "It isn't the job I like, it's the people you run into."

We were pretty sure that some of the people wandering about "Western's Halls" were farmers.

The other day a pherrg in the east wing cinched our views. He was chewing tobacco and spitting in the overshoes of the dame ahead of him.

Bruce Allen: Let's play hookey and go to a show.

Ken Gibson: Can't do it, old man, I need the sleep.

For those of you who doubt the value of a high school education we would point out it is a well recognized fact that anyone with a senior matriculation and five cents can procure a cup of coffee anywhere.

"Please."

"No."

"Oh, please do."

"Positively no."

"Please, just this once."

"I said no!"

"Aw, ma, all the boys are going skating."

"Gord" Humphries went for Helena for about three weeks and then dropped her "quick like a bunny." What's the matter, Hunk, Too Hot To Handle? (from the picture of the same name).

Stubborn engine  
Weather keen  
Chauffeur John  
Gasoline.  
Chauffeur John's  
Mind a blank  
Lighted match  
Over tank.  
Brilliant flash  
Splendid flight  
Chauffeur John  
Angel bright.

We, as Scandal Editors?? find great comfort in a small but very excellent piece of poetry:

You have no enemies, you say.

Alas! My friend, the boast is poor,

He who has mingled in the fray  
Of duty, that the brave endure,  
MUST have made foes! if you have none,

Small is the work that you have done.

You've hit no traitor on the hip,  
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,

You've never turned the wrong to right,

You've been a coward in the fight.

—Charles Mackay.

Well, well, Mary Pierce hasn't given up men altogether (as we were led to believe). She may be seen any morning after Lit. talking to Doug. O'Neil.

#### Here's Our Essay on Women

W ily.

O bjectionable.

M eddling.

E gotistical

N on compis mentis.

Alive, you can get a woollen kimona for \$10.00.

Dead, a wooden one costs you a hundred.

Alive, a taxi costs 50 cents.

Dead, a ride in a hearse costs \$20.00.

Chemistry is the study of how a thing that is busted gets together under certain situations and how them that's together gets separated.





Jim Jardine reverses the procedure and starts to smoke on January 1st.

"Wil" Lomas' red hair and Hollywood profil hooked in Jay, we hear.

We hear Robin Corbett and Beryl McLeod's friendship has now blossomed into a deep and lasting love.

We hear that Stan "Bet a Million" Weinfield has "shot the roll" on Betty Robertson.

If any of you, after reading this column, are muttering "Ah, cruel world!" and are ready to take the final step, let us say in defence of living:

Alive, you can get a haircut for 35 cents.

Dead, it costs \$5.00.

What is an heroic couplet?

When a hero and heroine are walking in the garden looking at the moon, they form a heroic couplet.

What is the capital of the Hawaiian Islands?

Halleluiaah.

What happens when there is an eclipse of the moon?

A great many people come out to look at it.

Scotland Yard is a lumber yard where murders are committed.

What has the government done to protect the Indians?

Put them in reservoirs.

Speaking of nick-names (as who was?) there is a notable group of fine young lads in the school who have a mania for them. This refers, of course, to that oddly assorted collection of kids who call themselves The Gang. (There is some doubt about the truth of this statement, as there are doubtless other gangs, but we won't quibble). There is a sort of artistry that has been used in selecting these nick-names which is little short of miraculous. (It really isn't that good, but it makes a nice sentence).

Don York holds an undisputed first place in regards to quantity at least. He is known locally as "The Rabbi" "Shekels" "Moneybags" "London" "Jew" and also "Yogi." He is quite a Lothario in his own way and is currently carrying the torch for Marg. Munson. Incidentally it is mutual.

Next on this Roll of Honor come Roy King and Don McLeod, who appear respectively as "Louie the Lug" and "Sniffer" or "Whiffer." The reason for these names are so obvious as to make further comment boring.

The origin of Don Murchy's nick-name—"Dipper" seemed very intriguing, but after a slight investigation we decided to let the whole thing drop. Wilbur "The Web" Lomas can offer no explanation for his, stating merely that it dates back to antiquity. Cam Sadleir and Courtney Woodward answer to "Sam" and "Woodie" respectively, which is neither strange nor puzzling.

The unsurpassed lulu of this aggregation though is Stewart Rosamund, who won't answer to "The Sad Case of the Thirteen

Bones" or more commonly "Bones."

This fine bunch of lads can be seen on display any time between four and twelve at Gus'.

We wonder why Andy Snaddon—our dear editor—takes such an interest in Doris Hoar in the 8th period. Also why they write notes to each other when sitting side by side? Surely they aren't afraid of Miss Mitchell!

#### Boners In the Classroom

1. The male inhabitants of Paris are called **Parasites**.

2. A circle is a **round line** with no kinks in it, joined up so as not to show where it began.

3. An **eavesdropper** is an **icicle**.

4. A hospital is where you go to be born.

5. **Homer was not written by Homer** but by another man of that name.

6. Homicide is when a man kills himself in his own home.

7. Trigonometry is when a lady marries three men at the same time.

8. A king who does everything he says he will is an absolute monkey.

9. New York is behind Greenwich time because America was not discovered until very much later.

10. Mineral wool is the shearings from a hydraulic ram.

11. Succor is the kind of candy that comes at the end of a stick.

12. Rear-Admirals are very low types of Admirals.

13. In Christianity a man can only have one wife. This is called Monotony.

Put the following words in a sentence: Bliss, happiness.

Oh, bliss! Oh, happiness!

## McAfee's Meanderings

We don't want to be the har-binger of sad tidings or anything like that, but we feel that it is our duty to inform all and sundry that we are now entering the longest straight stretch of school in the year. After consulting the calendar, the crystal bowl (not to be confused with the Rose Bowl), the milkman, some log tables, etc., etc., we finally computed the number of days between now and Easter as sixty-one. Doesn't the thought of sixty-one days of school without a break except Saturdays and Sundays, fill your tender hearts with rejoicing! Just think, no more long week-ends. (This will be hard on Potty and Joe). We think some action ought to be taken, such as making every Monday a school holiday. Maybe we could form a "Make Monday a Holiday" society, like the "Thirty Dollars Every Thursday" party, or the "Ham On Rye Twice On Tuesdays" organization. Maybe we could write letters to Edmonton. Maybe we could go to school and quit beefing. Maybe we could play hookey. The last is obviously the correct solution to our difficulties. Hope we haven't put ideas into anyone's head.

It is Stampede Week and the Parade is passing slowly in front of a house. In the house Ches and Vivian lean out of a window watching the parade. Charlie notices the absence of Viv's aunt, and asks where she is.

"She's upstairs waving her hair," says Vivian.

"Gosh, can't she afford a flag?"

Clerk (in sports department): What is your pleasure, sir?

Jack Jorgens: Necking, but I came here to look at skiis.

We see Lil Snyder is driving a new car. Wonder how many males she gets to the gallon.

We hear reports of dark and dubious doings — reports which shake our faith in human nature. Up until now we have had the greatest respect for Hunk Humphries, considering him one of Nature's gentlemen. But alas, our respect was ill-placed. Hunky had become entangled in a little affair of the heart with one of Western's tall, blonde, Greek-goddess type gals, and had even entrusted her with his fraternity pin of all things. However, somebody blew out the flame and there was Hunky sans pin.

So what does he do but try to pass a law at a frat meeting making it illegal for any frat brother to let his pin out of his possession. With this law behind him he could then go to this gal and demand his pin. However, the rest of the boys had visions of going to their own girl friends and asking for the return of those precious pins, and promptly voted the suggestion down. We don't know what under-handed method he will try next, but we would suggest going up and asking the girl.

This may interest you, and it may not. Anyway here it is:

The first American flag ever raised in battle as a sign of victory was made of a blue coat, a white shirt, and red flannels. I'll bet they weren't "Silver King Blizzard Busters."

Mr. Harding: What is the most outstanding contribution that chemistry has given to the world?

Mitch Irwin: Blondes, sir.

Here's a fashion note for the gals:

A girl with her hair combed up always looks like she is going some place—either to the Palliser or the bath—depending on the girl.

## Scholarship

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Banff School of Fine Arts. And aside from scholastic aid, Mr. Bennett has always been a donor to charitable institutions.

Starting out many years ago as a lawyer, practising in the rapidly growing west, Mr. Bennett worked his way to the leadership of the Conservative party and became Prime Minister of Canada in 1930. Friend and opponent alike have joined in giving Mr. Bennett their best wishes for his new plans. The community and nation will suffer a great loss in the departure of Mr. Bennett from public life.

During the past week he has been the guest of many functions held in his honor. These expressions of goodwill have come from every strata of society.

### Unhappy F 8

Weep to the tale of Willie T 8  
Who met a girl whose name was K 8;

He courted her at a fearful R 8  
And begged her soon to become his M 8.

"I would if I could," said the lovely K 8,

"I pity your lonely, unhappy St 8.  
But alas, alas, you've come too L 8  
I'm married already. The mother of 8."

—The Imperial Life-Guard.

—H. SIMPER.